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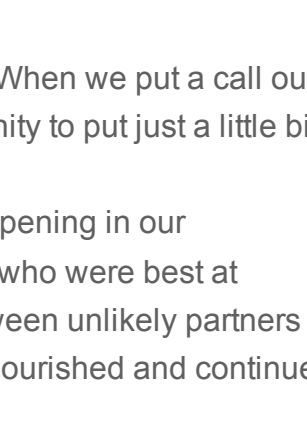
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## NAPSF News

December 2021

### Here's To 2022

Wendy Van, Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools



I don't know about you, but I find myself again saying or thinking that we just can't do another year like that one. Sounded familiar. It's been two years of anything but expected in our worlds. Here's what I've learned about the importance of our work in the last 2 years.

- **Generosity:** Our communities care. They trust our schools to do what it takes to keep kids safe and inspired. When we put a call out for help, they respond and they are grateful for the opportunity to put just a little bit of stability into what feels like a very unstable world.
- **Partnership:** With all the efforts for stabilizing families happening in our communities, it became critical to get to know the partners who were best at serving each need. The collaborations that happened between unlikely partners was exciting. New friendships based in a common cause flourished and continue past the emergencies.
- **Efficiency:** How many times did you say, "Before the pandemic we used to...." and now we have learned that we can do it better, faster, smarter. I have heard and seen the non-profit industry and large systems learn how to embrace ambiguity and lean into new ways to communicate, validate and support. There were some real magical moments that have provided valuable lessons.
- **Humility:** Countless donors and professional colleagues have met my dog, seen my kitchen or heard my children during zoom meetings. We worried about our acquaintances health, checked in on those who lived alone. We all became more human. All too vulnerable and real. I think it improved our relationships and furthered our causes.
- **Leadership:** I learned that teams of people, when trusted to solve difficult problems, can dig deep and lead from where they sit. My staff took on way more than they signed up for. As a result we now each have a new perspective on our work.
- **Purpose:** I've never felt such urgency to build my organization to be stronger, healthier and more impactful. There is so much we can do to convene our communities to make sure that EVERY student has what they need to be successful. School foundations are underutilized as change makers in our communities and the pandemic taught us how to be better. We looked at data, community need, child well-being markers and we worked together to solve significant problems. We did that. And now it is up to us as leaders to take the innovative ideas that were born from necessity and sustain them for future generations.

So here's to 2022! May it teach us all that we need to learn, and may we weather its challenges with grace and humility. I'm just glad I get to weather it with my trusted friends and colleagues.

"Remember, on your worst day on the job, you are still some child's best hope." - Larry Bell, 2012

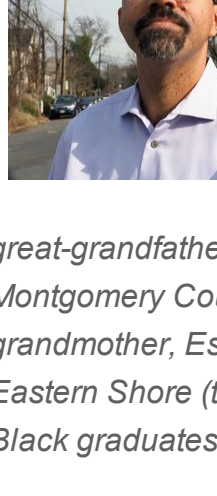


### NAPSF Coffee Talk

Come chat with your fellow peers at Coffee Talk next week to engage in some talk therapy. Bring any topic or question to the table and get helpful feedback from other school foundations around the state.

Join us **January 6, 2022 from 9am - 10am**

[Coffee Talk Zoom Link](#)

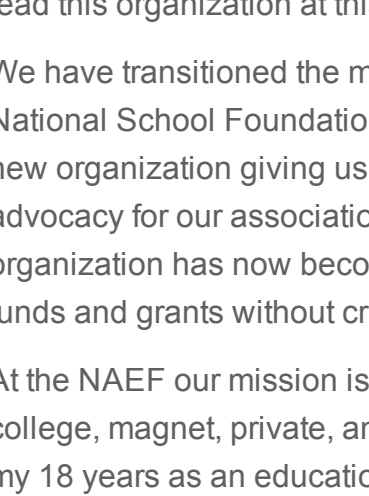


## National Association of Education Foundations

### Virtual National Conference via Socio App

March 2 - 4, 2022

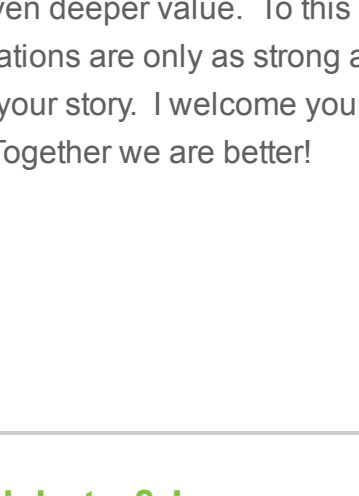
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### Keynote Speaker, John King

*John B. King Jr. is a lifelong educator and a former secretary of education under President Obama. He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with his wife (a former kindergarten and first-grade teacher) and his two daughters, who attend Montgomery County Public Schools. King's family has deep roots in Maryland. His great-grandfather, Charles King, was enslaved just 25 miles from his home in Montgomery County – and the cabin where his ancestors lived still stands. His grandmother, Estelle Livingston Stansberry King, attended the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (then called Princess Anne Academy), where she was among the first Black graduates in 1894.*

### Check out our own Traci Skalberg in the NAEF December newsletter:



You have witnessed the historic build of the National Association of Education Foundations, NAEF. I am proud to lead this organization at this defining moment!

We have transitioned the membership of our beloved National School Foundation Association (NSFA) to this new organization giving us the framework for growth and advocacy for our association members. The NSFA organization has now become our philanthropic foundation giving us the ability to raise funds and grants without crippling our advocacy and professional development work.

At the NAEF our mission is to develop and advocate for education foundations - charter, college, magnet, private, and public. The words are simple but it represents so much. In my 18 years as an education foundation director, I have oftentimes found myself on an island in my community with no one really understanding my unique, yet critical role bridging community investment for the benefit of our students. The NAEF will also strive to connect our members together because we all know that the intangible reward experienced in the relationships with our peers creates an even deeper value. To this end, I want you to know that this is Your Association. Associations are only as strong as their members and we need you to own and share our story, your story. I welcome your questions, musings, and just "do you have a minute," calls. Together we are better!

Traci Skalberg, CEFL, CFRM, NAEF Chair

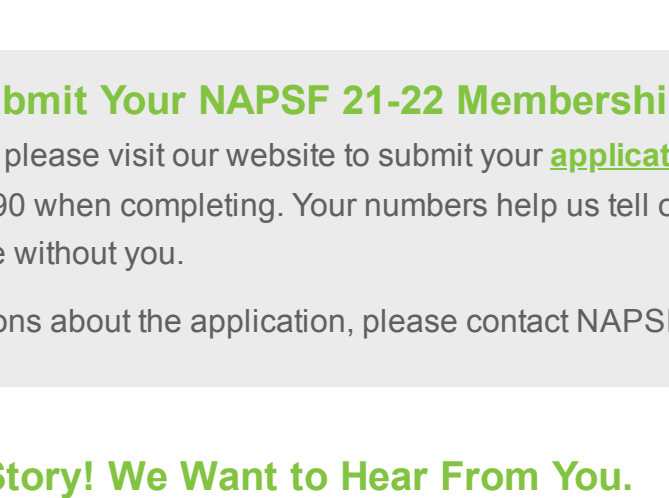
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We are collecting images for use on our website, newsletter and other promotional materials. Use the button below to upload.

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### Job Opportunities



### Hiring for the following positions:

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## NAPSF Membership Benefits

### Reminder: Submit Your NAPSF 21-22 Membership Application

Current members, please visit our website to submit your [application](#). Make sure to have your Form 990 when completing. Your numbers help us tell our story, and our story is incomplete without you.

If you have questions about the application, please contact NAPSF [here](#).

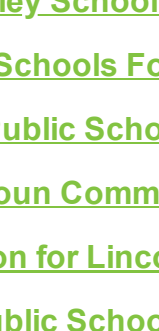
### Tell Us Your Story! We Want to Hear From You.

Does your foundation have an inspiring success story? Has your foundation been in the news? Do you have information or insight your peers would benefit from?

Submit your foundation stories, news, or articles [here](#) to be featured in upcoming NAPSF newsletters.

### NAEF Membership

All NAPSF members receive a National Association of Education Foundations membership. This includes free NAEF Webinars & discounts for NAEF conferences!



## National Association of Education Foundations

We are currently 32 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.

- [Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Aurora Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Beatrice Educational Foundation](#)
- [Bellevue Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Bennington Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Cardinal Educational Foundation \(South Sioux City\)](#)
- [Central High School Foundation \(Omaha\)](#)
- [Columbus Public Schools Foundation, Inc.](#)
- [Cozad Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Creek Valley School Educational Foundation](#)
- [DC West Schools Foundation](#)
- [Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation](#)
- [Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools](#)
- [Gering Public Schools Foundation](#)
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- [North Platte Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Northwest Education Foundation, Inc.](#)
- [Ogallala Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Omaha Public Schools Foundation](#)
- [Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation](#)
- [Ralston Community Schools Foundation](#)
- [School District 145 Foundation for Education \(Waverly/Eagle\)](#)
- [Scottsbluff Schools Foundation](#)
- [Wayne Community Schools Foundation](#)
- [Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.](#)

### Haven't Become a NAPSF Member Yet?

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!

[Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits](#)

## NAPSF Event Calendar

### NAPSF Coffee Talk

Date: Thursday, January 6, 2022  
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am CST  
Location: [Zoom Meeting](#)

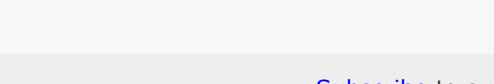
### NAPSF Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022  
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm CST  
Location: [Zoom Meeting](#)

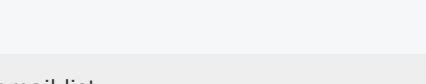
### National Association of Education Foundations Virtual Conference - Registration Open

Dates: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - Friday, March 4, 2022  
Location: Socio App  
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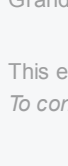
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